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IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

JEFF GARNESS, LISA GARNESS,
SHANNON CARTE, DONALD CRAFTS,
SUSAN M. KENT-CRAFTS, and
CAROLYN “CARE” CLIFT

Appellants,

v.

LT. GOVERNOR KEVIN MEYER, in his
official capacity as Lt. Governor for the
State of Alaska, and GAIL FENUMIAI, in
her official capacity as Director of the
Division of Elections,

Appellees,

ELIZABETH A. HODGES SNYDER,

Intervenor.

Supreme Court No. S-17951

APPELLANTS’ STATEMENT OF POSITION

COME NOW Appellants Jeff Garness, Lisa Garness, Shannon Carte, Donald Crafts, Susan M. Kent-Krafts, and Carolyn “Care” Clift, by and through their attorneys, Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, P.C., and pursuant to the Court’s Order dated December 14, 2020, hereby filed this statement of position regarding the Recount Appeal and Election Contest.

1. Appellants believe it is in the interests of judicial economy for the assigned Superior Court Judge Hon. Josie Garton to be appointed as special matter to resolve any factual issues related to the recount appeal, particularly given the Court's order regarding consideration on appeal.

2. Trial in the election contests matter before the Superior Court is set to begin December 22 and is expected to end by December 23. Appellants recommend that this Court direct that a decision in that case be issued no later than December 30, 2020.

3. Appellants propose the following deadlines based on the foregoing date of December 30, and with the deadline for the start of the legislative session set at January 19, 2021:

- a. Thursday, December 31, 2020 : Any appeal in the election contest filed
- b. Monday, January 4, 2021 (noon): Simultaneous opening briefs
(memorandum format)
- c. Wednesday, January 6, 2021 (noon): Simultaneous responsive briefs
- d. Friday, January 8, 2021: Oral argument

4. Appellants request that all briefing be exchanged electronically in PDF form and that no paper copies be required to be made.

DATED this 14th day of December, 2020, at Anchorage, Alaska.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on this 14th
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